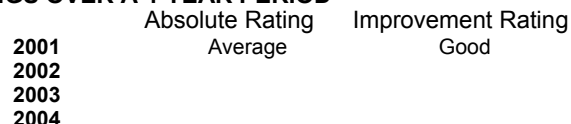


ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 46.

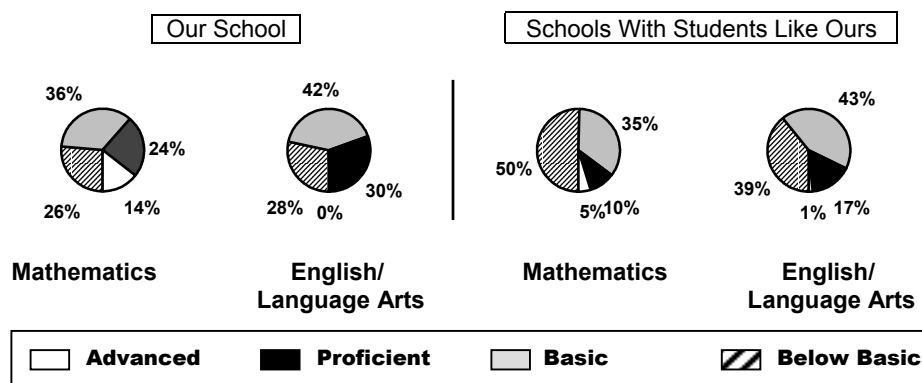
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=315)	71.7	73.7	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=279)	80.6	81.3		
Gender				
Male (n=132)	76.5	77.9		
Female (n=149)	83.2	82.8		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=260)	80	80.1		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=15)	N/A	N/A		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=281)	80.1	80.5		
Pay for lunch (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,848	N/A	\$6,095	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 92.4%	89.5%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.8 to 1	N/A	16.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=712)				
• Attendance Rate	98.7%	Down from 99.2%	96.1%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0.7%	N/A	6.9%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0.3%	N/A	6.9%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	100%	Up from 98.9%	98.3%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	3%	Down from 3.2%	5.8%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=51)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5 Days	Down from 9.8	7.6 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.3%	Down from 95.7%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	58.8%	Up from 56.8%	43.8%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	78.4%	Down from 84.1%	76.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	2.2%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	93.6%	Up from 92.6%	80.5%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$39,925	Up 6.1%	\$35,514	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	59.1%	N/A	63.1%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	11	N/A	5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	89.3%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	64.2%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2%	Down from 2.8%	2.4%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	0	N/A	2	1
• Gifted and talented	24.3%	Up from 21.2%	4.7%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	5%	Up from 2.5%	9.1%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

One of the most enjoyable and important jobs I've ever had is working here at St. Helena Elementary School. St. Helena Elementary is a very special part of my life, and certainly I feel blessed to be here. I, along with the faculty and staff, salute YOU – our parents, volunteers, churches, businesses, organizations, and community members – for the wonderful support that you have given in promoting academic excellence for our boys and girls. Our school has many accomplishments about which to boast, and we continue to make strides!

Currently, St. Helena Elementary School is the largest single elementary school in Beaufort County, soon to be the largest of the elementary and middle schools. We have the largest elementary minority population in the county and the largest free-and-reduced lunch count. Consequently, we are the largest Title I school in the county. With the odds against these kinds of statistics we have had more than a decade of successes: Our school has been a State Incentive Reward Winner and a State Deregulated School; we were cited by the Academic Review Committee, the S.C. House of Representatives, and District Annual Reports for making significant academic achievements. Noted psychologist, Spencer Holland, applauded the school's efforts towards the success of black males.

In the upcoming year, we will continue to direct our focus on the PACT standards. The teachers will work to internalize and correlate the standards so that classroom instruction increasingly engages students in problem-solving and thinking skills. We will maintain our school branch of the Public Library, we will continue with the Community Computer Classes 101 and 102, we will continue with Saturday School, the Extended School Year Program, the Afterschool Programs, the 3 & 4 Year-old Summer Enrichment Program, our daytime Adult Ed Program, the School Nursery, and the Writing & Publishing Center.

As we venture forward into this millennium with vigor, please know that we continue to embrace an open-door policy. Feel free to give suggestions, ask questions, or pitch in and give a hand whenever possible. It is without a doubt that your contributions of love, caring, and support confirm the adage:

It takes a village...

Dr. La Verne Lebbby Davis, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	97.1	100.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	94.3	100.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	94.3	100.0	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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1025 Sea Island Parkway
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Grades PRE-K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 712 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Good

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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